Processing of Crude Oil

701. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire Indian crude cannot be processed locally at present, due to inadequate refining capacities; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken and are contemplated to be taken by Government to ensure the processing of the entire Indian crude indigenously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Global Tender for Procurement of Oil Exploration Rigs

702. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state·

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has recently floated a global tender for the procurement of 13 rigs for carrying out its oil exploration activities in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have consulted the indigenous companies engaged in manufacturing rigs for oil exploration in this regard:

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to take the rigs from foreign companies even though the indigenous companies are capable enough to supply the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) ONGC have floated a global tender for the charter hire of 13 land rigs.

(b) No Sir.

(c) This was not considered necessary as ONGC only propose to charter hire the rigs.

(d) No Sir. The final selection would be made on techno/commercial grounds following the prescribed tendering procedure.

Projects included in the Annual Plans

703. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state·

(a) what are the projects of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited which have been included in the Annual Plans for 1985-86 and 1986-87 and budgetary and non-budgetary provisions of outlay for each project;

(b) whether approval of each of the above projects has been obtained and if so, what is the likely date of commencement of the construction and commercial production of each of the above projects; and

(c) whether it is a fact that despite the acknowledged constraint of resources and substantial time and cost of over-runs even on the ongoing and approved projects, public sector units like BPCL and HPCL are still engaged in their exercise of getting more project proposals prepared; if so, what are the names of such projects, and the reasons and justification for such frivolous time-consuming and attention diverting exercise in project preparation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI